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Dear Mr. Tarnoff,

The signature by the President August 5 of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 has obliged the Canadian Government to reiterate its strong objection to this legislation. I am enclosing the press release issued by the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Ministers that indicates Canada's intention to consult with the European Union and other allies on how best to address the extraterritorial impact of the Act. As you know, Canada shares many of the aims of U.S. policy toward Iran and Libya and we have worked strenuously to advance our objectives through the multilateral and bilateral channels. Unfortunately, unilateral and extraterritorial action by the United States, as manifested in the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act, can only detract from the possibilities for political cooperation with the United States regarding these countries.

Best Regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Ambassador

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